

SENATE BILL NO. 272

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A DEFAULT SUPPLIER TO PROVIDE SMALL
5 CUSTOMER CHOICE OF A RANGE OF SERVICE OPTIONS; ALLOWING THE PUBLIC SERVICE
6 COMMISSION TO LIMIT CUSTOMER SWITCHING AMONG SERVICE OPTIONS; REQUIRING THE
7 COMMISSION TO ADOPT RULES THAT DEFINE THE RANGE OF SERVICE OPTIONS, DEFINE
8 RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES, AND SET OUT PROCEDURES FOR SMALL CUSTOMERS
9 SWITCHING AMONG THE RANGE OF SERVICE OPTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE
10 DATE."

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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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14 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Public utility -- qualified choice for small customers -- commission**
15 **rulemaking.** (1) In addition to the customer choice provisions in 69-8-201, after January 1, 2004, a default
16 supplier shall offer small customers a range of service options. The range of service options may include
17 services that reflect:

- 18 (a) market prices;
- 19 (b) energy produced from new renewable energy resources; or
- 20 (c) cost-based prices.
- 21 (2) The commission may limit switching among the range of service options by small customers.
- 22 (3) The commission shall adopt rules that:
 - 23 (a) define the range of service options;
 - 24 (b) set out the procedures for small customers switching among the range of service options; and
 - 25 (c) define renewable energy resources.

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27 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
28 integral part of Title 69, chapter 8, part 2, and the provisions of Title 69, chapter 8, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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30 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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